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Dear Sir or Madam,

I cannot believe the lack of vision and understanding evident in the Microsoft settlement of the monopoly case.

To "force" them to provide a billion dollars of their own products into school systems only further extends their marketing reach. This did not hurt or punish them at all.

Had the justices had some courage and wisdom, they would have forced Microsoft to provide that same billion dollars worth of computer products from some other provider of quality education products like Apple.

Doing that would have had a true financial punishment with no future payback opportunity.

If this was the best you could do with such an identifiably strong case against a corporate behemoth, then I fear for the future of independent business in America.

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